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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

Pan-American Medical Congress to meet in Guatemala August 6-10, 1908.

The Fourth Pan-American Medical Congress, assembled at Panama in January, 1905, agreed that the capital of the Republic of Guatemala should be the place of meeting of the succeeding congress. The Government and the people of the Republic of Guatemala, as well as the official committee created to organize the Fifth Pan-American Medical Congress, have expressed the desire that this meeting should attain its high aims in the most efficacious manner.

The national executive committee of Guatemala, through its president, Dr. Juan J. Ortega, and secretary, Dr. José Azurdia, has accordingly issued invitations to attend the Fifth Pan-American Medical Congress to be held in Guatemala August 6-10, 1908. The committee also invites participation in the programme, and requests that interest be taken in the congress, which has for its object stimulation of advance of the medical sciences and contribution to the improvement of health and the prolongation of life among the American people.

Communications should be addressed to Dr. José Azurdia, secretary, Guatemala, C. A.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague statistics — Plague-prevention work at San Francisco.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Fox, in temporary charge, reports, April 18:

Total cases of plague at San Francisco verified bacteriologically to April 18, 121; total cases verified clinically, 38; total deaths, 77. The last case at San Francisco was taken sick January 30 and confirmed by bacteriological examination as plague, February 8, 1908. Date of finding of last infected rat, April 17.

The last case at Oakland, Cal., died December 22, 1907. The last plague-infected rats at Oakland were found during the week ended April 11, 1908. The only case at Berkeley, Cal., died September 1, 1907. The only case at Point Richmond, Cal., was taken sick November 27, 1907, and recovered.